Wisconsin Works (W-2) and Related Programs Contract Information Map For the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009

#### PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR THE 2006-2009 W-2 AND RELATED PROGRAMS CONTRACT

The Performance Standards have been established to measure appropriate and quality services being provided to W-2 and FSET participants.

The Appendix B Information Map shows the required Performance Standards for:

- 1. Annual Compliance; and
- 2. Right of First Selection (RFS) for the next W-2 Contract (Contract Period beginning January 1, 2010).

Information will be measured for the period of January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2009. Right of First Selection will be measured for the period January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2008. Performance Standards are measured Contract-to-Date, Point-in-Time or During-the-Month. Contract-to-Date is cumulative beginning January 1, 2006, through the last working day of the report month. Point-in-Time is measured on the last working day of each calendar month and an average for all months will be calculated to determine if the criteria have been met. During-the-Month is measured when the activity has been completed and documented within 30 calendar days of the W-2 placement for the assessment standard and 30 calendar days from the successful completion of a Job Skills activity.

#### **One Case Credit**

In order to recognize that for some agencies, especially those with small caseloads, one case can make a significant difference in the calculation of the Performance Standards Benchmarks, a One Case Credit is established.

A One Case Credit will apply when:

- a) The Department makes the final determination of whether a W-2 Contract Agency meets the Benchmark for a Performance Standard;
- b) The W-2 Contract Agency does not meet the Benchmark for one or more of the following standards: Entered Employment Placement Rate, Success in the Workforce/Retention, Wage at Employment, SSI/SSDI Receipt, Assessment, Basic Education Activities, Success of Job Skills Training, Quality of Case Management/Customer Satisfaction; and
- c) At least one of the W-2 Contract Agency's cases does not meet one or more of the Benchmarks for the Performance Standards.

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#### **Zero Case Credit**

The Department will apply a special Zero Case Credit to any W-2 Contract Agency with no cases for a Performance Standard (if there are any W-2 agencies with zero cases at the time of the Department's Performance Standards calculations). The Zero Case Credit will result in any W-2 Contract Agency with no cases meeting the Annual Compliance Benchmark and RFS Benchmark.

### **Worker Error Adjustment**

The Worker Error Adjustment process outlined in the Bureau of Wisconsin Works (BW-2) Operations Memo 04-48, which was developed to address unusual or non-recurring events, will remain in effect for the 2006-2009 Contract Period. To request consideration, a W-2 agency must submit a written request in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures.

# **Risk Protection Adjustment**

At the request of a W-2 Contract Agency that is not a tribal agency the Department will reassess the Performance Standards Benchmark. The Risk Protection Adjustment is designed to allow unique circumstances related to the unemployment rate of each county to be considered by the Department. The agency must request the Department apply the Risk Protection Adjustment prior to January 31 of the year immediately following the prior year. *Example: Request for January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 must be received by January 31, 2007.* The Department will apply this adjustment as follows:

- 1) The Department will establish a baseline for each county or consortium based on that county's average weekly continuous unemployment insurance (UI) benefits claims for calendar years 1999 through 2001.
- 2) A county's continuous UI claims level for subsequent periods will be "indexed" in relationship to that baseline. That is, the baseline will be defined as 1.00 and subsequent years will be calculated as a multiple of that 1.00 baseline. For example, unemployment levels 25% greater higher than the 1999-2001 average would have an indexed value of 1.25, while unemployment levels 10% lower than the 1999-2001 average would have an indexed value of 0.9.
- 3) Any county for which the indexed weekly continuous UI claims for calendar years 2006, 2007, 2008 average out to greater than 1.5 will be eligible for the Risk Protection Adjustment.
- 4) For each tenth of a point by which the indexed average weekly continuous unemployment claims for that county for calendar years 2006, 2007, 2008 exceeds 1.5, the Entered Employment performance standard benchmark will be lowered by one percent. For example, if a county's indexed 2006 unemployment claims were to equal 2.5, and to earn RFS the required Entered Employment rate was 45% then the Entered Employment benchmark would be lowered by 10% of 45% (or4.5%), to 40.5%.

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INDICATOR	DEFINITION	SELECTION CRITERIA &	BENCHMARK	APPLICABLE
Entered Employment Placement Rate (Contract-to-Date)	For W-2 and FSET Individuals: The percentage of the total individuals served by the agency with the exception of SSI tracked individuals for which an eligible Entered Employment (EE) placement is recorded on WPEH in the Client Assistance for Reemployment and Economic Support (CARES) system.  Performance will be measured by counting all individuals expected to work 30 days or more in FSET or W-2 who meet the following Entered Employment definition:  1. an individual who is unemployed and obtains unsubsidized employment that is expected to last 30 days or longer after referral to work programs or; 2. an individual who is employed in unsubsidized employment and obtains new employment that is expected to last 30 days or longer with higher	SELECTION CRITERIA & EXCLUSIONS  Numerator: • Entered Employment field on WPEH = Y • Entered Employment with Duration on WPEH as Full-Time >= 30 days, or Part-Time >= 30 days • Begin Date of Entered Employment must be between 1/1/2006 and 12/31/2009 • Not deleted Entered Employment  Denominator: W-2 and FSET applicants/participants except: • All W-2 or FSET cases referred, transferred or ongoing within the contract period and subsequently disenrolled, or transferred out (by 1/31 of the following year for December report month) with:  a) no intervening activities; b) SSI tracked individuals with the SD activity code or assigned to the SSI Advocacy Agency with the exception of individuals who reenter an employment track in W-2; c) only enrollment or enrollment/ orientation; or	BENCHMARK  Numerator = Total Number of Full-time and Part-time Entered Employments  Denominator = Total Work Contract Individuals Served  The contract benchmark is 45%.	CMA - Y JDPA - Y SSI - N BOS - Y
	expected to last 30 days	c) only enrollment or enrollment/		
	programs.	transactions: Sanction Requested Sanction Pending Exemption Requested		

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INDICATOR	DEFINITION	SELECTION CRITERIA & EXCLUSIONS	BENCHMARK	APPLICABLE
Success in the Workforce/Retention (Contract-to-Date)	For W-2 and FSET Participants: The percentage of the total participants from the numerator of the EE Placement Rate performance standard for whom total UI wages for the two (2) quarters following the quarter of employment are equal to or greater than the target amount.	All participants with an EE will be counted in the denominator once.  For multiple EE's the retention that favors the agency will be counted in the numerator.	Numerator = All participants who meet or exceed the target amount calculated by adding the 2 quarters of UI wage data after an EE.  Denominator = All participants who are listed in the numerator of the EE performance standard.  The benchmark target amount is equal to \$5,928.  The contract benchmark is 50%.	CMA – Y JDPA – Y SSI – N BOS - Y
Wage At Employment (Contract-to-Date)	For W-2 and FSET Individuals: The percentage of the total individuals from the numerator of the EE Placement Rate performance standard for whom starting wages were equal to or greater than the targeted outcome for that geographic area or consortium.  Targeted outcomes will be calculated using average entered employment wages of W-2 and FSET individuals for each Contract Agency.	All individuals who have an EE with hourly wages (indicated with the pay code of HR on WPEH) will be included in the calculation to determine the average wage for that contract agency.  Remove all wages less than the State's hourly minimum wage.  Remove one high wage.  Note: Random sampling of State New Hire Data will be done.	Past level of performance per contract agency's entered employment average wage.  Benchmark will be set for each individual contract agency based on past W-2/FSET performance. See last page for average wages for each county.  The benchmark is pass or fail based on the collective contract agency average.	CMA – N JDPA – Y SSI – N BOS - Y

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INDICATOR	DEFINITION	SELECTION CRITERIA & EXCLUSIONS	BENCHMARK	APPLICABLE
Success of Job Skills Training (During-the-Month)	For W-2 Participants: Success of Job Skills Training will be measured by the percentage of participants who successfully complete a Job Skills (JS) Training activity and obtain employment during the training or within 30 days of completion of the Job Skills Training activity.  All W-2 participants who successfully complete a JS Training will be included in the denominator.	Participants are selected based on JS being assigned and successfully completed on WPCH with a completion code of A (successfully completed) or N (employed).	Numerator = Participants who successfully complete JS and have an EE during the JS training or within 30 days of completion of JS  Denominator = All participants who successfully complete JS.  The contract benchmark is 75%.	CMA – N JDPA – Y SSI – N BOS - Y

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INDICATOR	DEFINITION	SELECTION CRITERIA & EXCLUSIONS	BENCHMARK	APPLICABLE
SSI/SSDI Receipt (Contract-to-Date)	For W-2 Participants: The percentage of the total participants receiving SSI/SSDI Advocacy Services as recorded in CARES for whom SSI/SSDI is awarded.  All W-2 participants placed in SSI/SSDI Advocacy (SD activity in CARES) in the balance of the state (BOS) and all participants receiving services through the SSI Advocacy Agency in Milwaukee will be included in the denominator.  Use ANBR* for data validation for all participants in the BOS that are in SD activity and participants in Milwaukee assigned to the SSI Advocacy Agency.	Calculated only for W-2 participants who are assigned to SD in the BOS and to the SSI Advocacy Agency in Milwaukee.  The SSI denominator will be created with the assignment of the SD activity in the BOS and the SSI Advocacy Agency in Milwaukee.  Participants are selected for the numerator from ANBR*, where SSI is reported as being awarded during the W-2 placement or within 60 days of the W-2 placement ending.  Individuals will be eliminated if ANBR* has an indicator or N at the 12 and/or 24 month measurement and the CARES case has been closed.  NOTE BOS – Adjustments will be accepted through 4/30/06 for participants placed in SD prior to 1/1/06 and reevaluated by 3/31/06 where a determination is made that SD is not appropriate.	Numerator = Total number of W-2 participants in SD or in Milwaukee assigned to the SSI Advocacy Agency that are awarded SSI/SSDI (as documented through the data exchange on ANBR*) within 12 months (benchmark A) or within 24 months (benchmark B) of activity or work program office begin date as indicated in CARES.  Denominator = Total number of all W-2 participants placed in SSI/SSDI Advocacy (SD) in the balance of the state and all participants receiving services through the SSI Advocacy Agency that get approval for SSI or meet the timelines for benchmark A or B.  Benchmark for A: 35% of all cases in BOS that are assigned to SD or in Milwaukee that are assigned to 12 months from the assignment.  Benchmark for B: 60% of all cases in BOS that are assigned to SD or in Milwaukee are assigned to the SSI Advocacy Agency are approved for SSI up to 24 months from the assignment.	CMA – N JDPA – N SSI – Y BOS - Y

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INDICATOR	DEFINITION	SELECTION CRITERIA & EXCLUSIONS	BENCHMARK	APPLICABLE
Basic Education Activities (Point-in-Time)	For W-2 Participants: Adult W-2 participants who do not have a high school diploma or its equivalency as indicated on ANSE*. Basic education activities include Basic Education (BE), English as a second language (EL), GED (GE), High School Equivalency (HE), Literacy Skills (LS), and Regular High School (RS).	Participants are selected from ACWI*, where there is an open W-2 placement type of W-2T, CSJ, CS1, CS2, CS3 or TJB, and no W-2 end date. Only participants who do not have a high school diploma or equivalency as designated on ANSE* are selected.  This standard does not apply to W-2 case management, CMC participants or FSET participants.	Numerator = All selected participants with less than a high school education who have an open EL, GE, HE, LS, RS activity (with a valid activity begin date) as of the last day of the report month.  Denominator = Total selected participants with less than a high school education in a W-2 subsidized placement (W-2T, CSJ, CS1, CS2, CS3, or TJB) as of the last day of the report month.  The contract benchmark level is 65% or more.	CMA – Y JDPA – N SSI – Y BOS - Y

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INDICATOR	DEFINITION	SELECTION CRITERIA & EXCLUSIONS	BENCHMARK	APPLICABLE
Assessment (During-the-Month)	For W-2 Participants: Assessment services refer to the set of evaluations that each W-2 participant who is placed in a subsidized or unsubsidized employment position (with the exception of CMC cases) receives.  A. For W-2: Participants who are placed in any subsidized or unsubsidized W-2 placement (with the exception of CMC cases), either initially or as movement from one placement to another, must have an informal assessment completed and documented on WPED within 30 calendar days before or after the date that W-2 placement begins.  B. For W-2T Cases only: Participants who are placed in a W-2T must have a formal assessment initiated or completed and documented in CARES within 30 calendar days before or after beginning a W-2T. This formal assessment must be by a medical or mental health/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) health professional, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) counselor or similarly qualified assessing agency or business.  Both A and B must be met.	<ol> <li>Calculated only for W-2 participants.</li> <li>The formal assessment codes are AODA         Assessment (AA),         Domestic Violence         Assessment (AV),         Disability Assessment         (AD), Physician         Assessment (AL), Mental         Health Assessment (AM),         as found on WPCH. The         Caring for Disabled Child         (CD) will also be allowed to         meet this standard.</li> <li>Individuals with the same         consecutive W-2         placements i.e., W-2T         placement ends on 6/30/05         and new W-2T placement         begins on 7/1/05, will be         excluded.</li> <li>Note: Informal Assessment         completion is tracked by         answering the assessment         question on WPED and         completing the entire CARES         Assessment driver flow, which         begins with WPED and ends         with WPRU.</li> </ol>	A. For W-2 placements: Numerator = Total number of W-2 placements for which an informal assessment was completed and documented within 30 calendar days of the placement begin date.  Denominator = Total number of W-2 placements beginning during contract period for all W-2 participants.  B. For W2-Transition: Numerator = Total number of W-2T placements for which a formal assessment was initiated or completed with a successfully complete) or P (completed appropriate formal assessment within the prior 12 months) and documented within 30 calendar days. Denominator = Total number of W-2T placements beginning during contract period for all W-2 participants. Both calculation results must meet respective base rates to meet the performance standard.  For W-2 Placements: (A) Contract benchmark is at least 95%. For W-2 Transition: (B) Contract benchmark is at least 95%.	CMA – Y JDPA – N SSI – Y BOS - Y

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INDICATOR	DEFINITION	SELECTION CRITERIA & EXCLUSIONS	BENCHMARK	APPLICABLE
Quality of Case Management/ Customer Satisfaction Survey (Contract-to- Date)	Quality Case Management/Customer Satisfaction refers to the delivery of services by the W-2 Contract Agencies with the aim of satisfying its customers. Quality Case Management/Customer Satisfaction will be measured quarterly through a survey of participants who have received services for a minimum of 60 days from the W-2 Contract Agency.  Each agency must achieve a minimum average score of 7.5 or greater on a 10-Point scale.  This will be measured by two different categories of questions.  1. Questions will be focused on services provided to participants that are reported on CARES. (i.e. quality of work experience site, relevance of work experience site to the employment goal, etc)  2. Overall satisfaction and staff availability questions will be asked of all surveyed participants. (e.g., returned phone calls within 2 days, overall satisfaction of services received, etc.)	1. All W-2 Contract Agencies.  2. Work program Contract Individuals (WCI) active at the end of the quarter and have at least 60 consecutive days in the same Contract Agency, or, WCI's closed during the quarter with at least 60 days of service.  Agency's will have a set number of participants surveyed. The number will not be determined until the contract areas are decided.	Manual calculation will be performed by DWS.  For each question measured: Numerator = Total scores for all survey responses.  Denominator = Total number of survey responses.  The benchmark for each question is equal to or greater than 7.5.	CMA – Y JDPA – Y SSI – Y BOS - Y

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	W-2 & FSET
	Average
County	Wage*
ADAMS	\$7.47
ASHLAND	\$7.36
BARRON	\$7.73
BAYFIELD	\$7.96
BROWN	\$8.16
BUFFALO	\$7.51
BURNETT	\$7.58
CALUMET	\$8.38
CHIPPEWA	\$8.46
CLARK	\$7.93
COLUMBIA	\$9.41
CRAWFORD	\$7.51
DANE	\$9.01
DODGE	\$8.81
DOOR	\$8.87
DOUGLAS	\$8.13
DUNN	\$9.54
EAU CLAIRE	\$7.98
FLORENCE	\$8.89
FOND DU LAC	\$8.22
FOREST	\$7.70
GRANT	\$8.26
GREEN	\$8.92
GREEN LAKE	\$8.16
IOWA	\$8.75
IRON	\$6.53
JACKSON	\$7.77
JEFFERSON	\$8.94
JUNEAU	\$7.79
KENOSHA	\$7.96

	W-2 & FSET
	Average
County	Wage*
KEWAUNEE	\$8.39
LA CROSSE	\$7.66
LAFAYETTE	\$8.36
LANGLADE	\$9.21
LINCOLN	\$8.62
MANITOWOC	\$8.99
MARATHON	\$8.16
MARINETTE	\$9.00
MARQUETTE	\$8.15
MENOMINEE	\$7.20
MILWAUKEE	\$8.29
MONROE	\$8.74
OCONTO	\$8.25
ONEIDA	\$7.87
OUTAGAMIE	\$8.58
OZAUKEE	\$10.19
PEPIN	\$8.60
PIERCE	\$10.07
POLK	\$9.41
PORTAGE	\$7.71
PRICE	\$8.30
RACINE	\$7.67
RICHLAND	\$7.63
ROCK	\$8.28
RUSK	\$7.73
ST CROIX	\$10.03
SAUK	\$8.27
SAWYER	\$7.07
SHAWANO	\$7.96
SHEBOYGAN	\$8.58

County	W-2 & FSET Average Wage*
TAYLOR	\$9.36
TREMPEALEAU	\$8.19
VERNON	\$7.70
VILAS	\$7.30
WALWORTH	\$8.33
WASHBURN	\$7.79
WASHINGTON	\$9.83
WAUKESHA	\$9.28
WAUPACA	\$7.95
WAUSHARA	\$7.99
WINNEBAGO	\$8.23
WOOD	\$8.10

NOTE: Consortiums with more than one County will have a weighted average wage calculated as the benchmark.

\* Average Hourly Wage was calculated from EE's reported in 2004 for W-2 and FSET participants that were at least the state minimum hourly wage and one high wage was removed.

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### Acronyms:

BOS = Balance of State W-2 Contract Agencies CMA = Case Management Agency in Milwaukee JDPA = Job Development Placement Agency in Milwaukee

SSI = Supplemental Security Income SSDI = Social Security Disability Income

EE = Entered Employment
UI = Unemployment Insurance

TJB = W-2 Trial Job placement

CSJ = W-2 Community Service Job placement

CS1 = 1/3 CSJ placement

CS2 =1/2 CSJ placement

CS3 = 2/3 CSJ placement

W-2T = W-2 Transition placement

CMC = Caretaker of a Newborn placement

FSET = FoodShare Employment and Training

### **CARES Screens**

WPEH = Work Programs Employment History

WPCH = Work Programs Component History

WPED = Work Programs Educational Detail

#### Notes:

\* With the implementation of CARES Worker Web (CWW) data will be extracted from the CARES equivalent screen in CWW.

#### Definitions:

WCI = Work Program Contract Individuals are individuals who are open (Referred, Scheduled or Enrolled) in W-2 or FSET for at least one day during the contract period, excluding those who are only in Children First, and those with a CARES Registration Code of "L" (Learnfare).

Contract Agency = W-2 Contract Agency as a single county or single region or with more than one county or region in the consortium configuration.

Benchmark = Annual Compliance and Right of First Selection benchmark.

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